feet away. Yet even here only two win-

by the torrents of water that had fallen on

it and washed it from end to end.' The top

section of the stairs had been unjointed and

placidly deposited on the bank, the second

section was floating calmly upon the wa-

ters, but the third and fourth had

evidently been reduced to what the

the compressing-house and the engine-

house not a pane of glass had been

shattered, not an object had been stirred,

and even that resolute black and white cat

was alive and unhurt. She stood upon the

top of one of the boilers mewing piteously,

her a most unpleasant experience. Yet,

the least bad result, though, like poor pussy,

the nerves of some would have been un-

THE SCENE. The scene now became exceedingly ani-

of steam-shrickings as a proof of the gene-

street, all of them filled with the wildest

curiosity to see the effect of so great an ex-

plosion. Those who had seen encountered

ties were exceedingly cager to get on, and

When upon the ferry-boat there was a similar

scene on arriving at the dock at Ninety-se-

could not have got on, or in, even of the smallest breed, and as each

SUBSTANTIAL SUCCESS OF THE EXPLOSION.

all the engineers who were present say

that nothing can be definitely known till the

reci has been carefully surveyed and sound-

ed, though they have every reason to hope

that the reef was entirely blown to pieces.

One piece of indirect testimony can be ad-

duced by the writer in favor of this surmise.

In addition to being well acquainted with

the position and general outline of the reef

and the arrangements of the headings and

galleries of the mine, he had taken the pre-

caution to have in his hand at the moment

of the explosion a small diagram of the

reef. When the small columns or series of

sion had fallen, but while the disturbance

of the water was still in full bubbling ac-

tivity from the escape of the remaining lib-

momentarily, the shape of the water

difference being a lesser surface disturb-

to an equal action in the mine of the ex-

plosives, and to a correspondingly equal

break-up of the rock. As to the success of

General Abbott's interesting experiments

with regard to the shock-wave nothing can

be known till he has collected his data from

his various points of observation, and made

his calculations and deductions. This is

statements of the results of his labors

will be mere guess-work and totally un-

ral Abbott's deductions will be most in-

teresting and valuable; for practical pur-

poses the Hell-Gate explosion has shown by

its innocence of all harm that they are un-

secured mementoes of the comparatively

shape of pieces of the insulated wires which

conducted the electric current which

The following extracts are from various

GENERAL NEWTON SATISFIED.

A reporter sought General Newton im-

mediately after his inspection of the scene

to the blast. In reply to the reporter's

question whether the result had met his ex-

pectations he said : "Entirely, sir, entirely.

The current has been shifted completely

Reporter: You deem the work a perfect

General Newton: Yes, sir, a perfect suc-

Reporter: What will be the next move

You see, there may have been a serious

change of level. It is possible that the bot-

tom has been rendered shoaler than before

Reporter: How long will it take to make

the excavations necessary to clear the new

General Newton: It ought to be done in

vations or dredgings might as well be done

The set of the story

PROPESSOR HENRY'S EXPERIMENTS.

on the outer points of the former reef.

General Newton: To buoy the channel.

cess; as complete as I could have desired.

caused it.

do 80."

channel?

New York papers:

original reef. They corresponded

the smallest breed,

those who wanted to see, and as both par-

In

westerners call "eternal smash."

Nichmond Dispatch. BETHE CINCULATION OF THE DISPATCH S LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCU- shivered, and the rails fractured.

LATION OF AIR. THE OTHER DAILY NEWS. PAPERS OF THE CITY

WEDNESDAY ... SEPTEMBER 27, 1876.

WEATHER REPORT. PROBABILITIES TO-DAY .- Washington. September 26.—For the South Atlantic

States, cooler northwest winds, rising barometer, and partly cloudy weather will revail, followed by clear weather. For the Middle Atlantic States, rising baometer, stationary and lower temperature, orthwest winds, with partly cloudy and lear weather.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY WAS WARM and showery during the day. At night it was clear and quite cool. THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 62 9 A. M., 68; noon, 82; 3 P. M., 76; 6 P. M., 69; midnight, 58.

HELL-GATE OPEN.

EXPLOSION OF THE SUBMARINE MINE.

ITS PRACTICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SUCCESS. EATED BY THE FINGER OF A CHILD-A SHARP BUT NOT LOUD REPORT-IMMENSE | pleasantly shocked. GEYSERS OF WATER THROWN UP-THE OF BURSTING THE REEF-CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL NEWTON'S THEORY OF THE EFFECTS OF THE DISCHARGE.

[From the New York Times.] By 1:30 o'clock the different guard steamers had arrived and taken up their positions, and other steamers containing officers of the culty in persuading individuals that they port and lighthouse commissioners, furnished with buoys, and municipal authorities, had also arrived and come to anchor in various localities. Last of all, the steamers ing in upon the spot, and thousands of the jarring Morrisania and Harlem lines, at peace for once, came up loaded from the texas to the lower deck with such numbers of people that the white steamers when they came stem on looked completely black. There were two small steamboats employed by General Newton and his men-a light the road was very narrow, progress became sunch and a heavier tug-and these kept almost as difficult as civil-service reform. aunch and a heavier tug-and these kept oming and going as busily as possible. Regarding the journalists present as the servants of the public, General New- cond street, for the crowds there were equalton gave to them the freest liberty to ly great and equally impetuous, and burst come and go on these boats, to pass upon the boat before the landing was made, through the military lines, to visit the forcing their way through the people by sow-to do, in short, whatever a sense of sheer impetus. There was a force of policethis privilege was duly used and thankfully compelled to use their clubs to restrain the take." appreciated. On the last trip but one of the ardor of those who would not get into line aunch, General Abbott, the famous co- and pass through the ferry entrance in their worker with General Humphreys on the turn. In fact, all the tens of thousands Mississippi investigations, arrived, and who had swarmed upon the slopes and ined General Newton's party, which was blackened the green sward had poured n reality restricted to the members of the down upon the ferry, and were endeavorpress, Captain Mercur, Lieutenant Willard, ing to take it by storm. Third avenue was and Mr. Boyle, the overseer. At 2:30 equally crowded, and the condition of the ck all left Hallett's Reef and repaired horse-cars was something equally ludicrous the firing point save General Newton, and painful. They were so full that a dog aptain Mercur, Lieutenant Willard, and the overseer. Every other human being went on board the tug, the launch hopeful pedestrian emerged from the hill up remaining for the engineers. A cat that Ninety-second street upon the avenue, and had made her home in the boiler- ruefully surveyed them, he was saluted house, where the air was compressed during by the street Arabs with derisive cheers and the excavations, remained there, and could not be driven away. Whether this arose from thorough confidence in General Newton, or from a resolution to stick by her feline Lares and Penates, after the habits of ome of her tribe, could not be known. But budge she would not. As the visitors were crossing in the tug to the firing point, he gun from the scow was fired for the first

time. Treenty-five minutes to the explosion. THE EXPLOSION. The tug went immediately from the landing-place at the firing point over to the seow, and returned, bringing Mrs. Newton, a nurse, and Miss Mary Anne Newton, aged two years and six months. They did not disembark, however, but awaited the coming of the General. Boom went the second run. Ten minutes to the explosion. The General and his staff were seen running to their launch, and in a trice that swift little eraft was bounding over the waters. Genral Newton, on arriving, led his wife up he little pier, and the nurse followed with the little girl whose fairy fingers were to et in action agencies more terrible than the Afrites of the Arab fables. Boom the gun was fired for the third time. Captain Mercur ow took his station upon the slope with jets of water first thrown up by the explofield-glass to watch for the waving of a white flag from the scow where were the rincipal officers of the engineer corps and many ladies. All turned their eyes in that erated gases, he was enabled to compare, direction, and soon a small white object fluttered from the platform of the scow. "Now!" shouted Captain Mercur, and every eye was turned mechanically to the calleries whence the momentous cartridge was suspended. Probably all held their reath. Certainly the writer did; and in bout two seconds of recorded time, though seemed actually a minute, he felt a sensaion as if he was going to become giddy and all. This was actually the tremor of the earth from the explosion, but it was so unexpected that it seemed as if it was a nervous acion upon the body, not an expansive force ating upon the nerves through the body. And there was also a slight contraction of impossible for a day or two, and any the heart, such as a man might feel from ensation recorded time is a mockery, and reliable. As a mere matter of science Geneome great sorrow. In the presence of real t is impossible for the writer to say how oon after came the sound of the explosion. But it was sharp and not very loud, not in he least of that rending, crashing sound which one is accustomed to connect with hitro-glycerine and its relatives. Then came grand and thrilling spectacle. The water arate, yet united, to a height of from sixty seventy feet. It was snow-white in olor, and formed of huge cones, which had ome-like terminations. But there was so much spray between these cones that it produced the effect of a wall from which great olumns stood out in high relief. Suddenly there came out from the eastward a dark cloud of mingled stones and earth, in front I which were huge wooden fragments of the coffer-dam. This cloud spread over the blumnar geysers and hid them, and even while this last apparition was sinking a lurid, greenish-yellow mist, like a terrible simoom, lose up from the seething waters and brooded over them. This was composed of terrible gases from the explosive agents hat had done their work and found their way into the atmosphere. This gaseous g hung heavily over the place, but seemed spread itself like oil over an increasing rea, until it was no more than a screen our the rocking surface of the Hell Gate bef stream, upon which the black, floating fragments of the poor coffer-dam were dis unetly visible.

AFTER THE EXPLOSION. mmediately from fifty points row-boats ated out toward the point, and those who were with General Newton crowded on the large and launch. But first they gave vent to like remotions by giving three cheers for their emotions by giving three cheers for the appropriations will hold us back. Then there is other work to be done on this scheme there is other work to be done on this scheme. ise on the Boulevard took up the cry, of Hell-Gate improvement, and these excaand echoed it from thousands of throats. Then the boats were loaded by the im- at once and make a clean job of it. patient spectators, and sped rapidly to Hallett's Point, where already the rowboats were dancing upon the heaving water, and men with scoop-nets were gathering up the dead fish whose air-bladders had been burst by the explosion. When we reached the landing and advanced up to the scene of action at heaving water than the result of the explosion was admirable.

BOOK AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PR

HSPAT

WEDNESDAY MORNING. SEPTEMBER 27. 1876. RICHMOND. VA.

improved Sunday, and he asked to be as-For it is a fact that there was nothing insisted into his sitting-room in order that he might experience the shock of the great exjured, nothing broken, twisted, or contortd, until one reached a spot within five feet plosion. He felt the house tremble and a slight vibration of the earth. He then exof the northern end of the coffer-dam. Here the tramway was broken, the sleepers pressed his gratification that he had lived until the great work had been accomplished. earth had been apparently deluged with and declared that he was pleased beyond water, but there were no rocks, and theremeasure that all sensational prophecies had fore there had been evidently no showbeen disproved, and that General Newton's er of them as was anticipated. The expectation, based upon scientific knowbank along the coffer-dam showed tremendous rending of the hard sandstone straitification, and the office of Mr. Boyle, ledge, had been justified. THE COST OF THE WORK. that stood to the right of the stairs going down into the pit, had been lifted from its piers and thrown upright some twenty-five

Following are the different appropriations made by Congress for the Hell-Gate and East River improvements: dows had been shattered, and this evidently

..\$1,940,000

The total amount expended by General Newton up to August 1, 1876, was \$1,686, 841.45. The estimated cost of completing the entire work of improving Hell-Gate and the East river is \$5,139,120.

SKETCH OF GENERAL NEWTON. General John Newton, the hero of the great engineering feat at Hell-Gate, was born in Virginia about the year 1828, and graduated at the West Point Military Academy in 1842. From the year 1848 until tain: in August, 1861, major; in Septem- time in other employment." ber, 1861, brigadier-general of volunteers; without doubt, the whole party might have remained in the bomb-proof erected for the in March, 1863, major-general of volunteers; in March, 1863, major-general of volunteers; and in December, 1865, major-general of volunteers, serving with distinction in the is totally unfit, as at present occupied, for protection of the electric batteries without mated. The steamers cruised as close to the spot as they dared, and gave forth a series general United States army for gallant and save reproach to our city. ral joy. The people in the boats landed and meritorious services. During the last six commenced to forage for bits of wire; for these abounded in every direction. Yet

there were immense masses that remained the great works at Hell-Gate. uninjured, and the police had some diffi-Among General Newton's guests Sunday were ex-Governor Lowe, of Maryland; must not attempt to cut off sections of Judge Pratt, of the Supreme Court, Brookthis. Vast crowds had now crossed over from the New York side and were pour-Orange, N. J., and Cincinnatus Newton, of see this regiment greatly impaired, if not Norfolk, Va., brother of the General. more were advancing through Manson

A SHARP REJOINDER. General Newton declining an invitation to ble place for such an armory as is needed is he too promptly pronounced a desecration of the Sabbath. General Newton replied: necessary for an armory will have to be take this occasion to inform you that I did not even know of your invitation. The truth is," said he, "I left the matter of invitations to Lieuteuant Willard, United annual appropriation, while the income States engineers, with instructions to invite from the one, combined with the reduced a certain number of gentlemen. I regret to expenditure on the other, will far more than

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE CANVASS .- At a meeting of the City Conservative Committee held last night a "There is great public demand for the city sub-committee was appointed to report a to complete its long-promised, long-unfinplan for conducting the canvass in this city ished, job of free connection with Manand to arrange for a series of mass-meetings. chester by a bridge over the canal at Ninth Berkeley's office at 12 o'clock to-day. They have extended an invitation to the presidents of the Conservative clubs to be present and confer with them at that hour.

day afternoon about 4 o'clock, as a young cheerful cries of "Plenty of room, Cap'n; lady teacher of the Central public school hang on to the bell-punch." The hasty and was passing down Twelfth street," on her spendthrift took the hacks which had been way home, she was attacked with stones by brought there by speculative drivers, the seven or eight boys, and but for the timely impatient but reflective walked on to Madiapproach of two gentlemen, who arrested son avenue, and got into the cars of that one of the boys and chased the others off, line, and the patient sat down and waited she would have been seriously injured. until a car came along which had not been Some of the boys are known to be scholars filled up before reaching that point. This of the Central school, and we trust the was not for hours, for the crowds were imschool authorities will see that they are properly punished for this dastardly outrage. The names of the lady and of the gentlemen who interposed for her protection may be With regard to the more substantial sucobtained at this office. cess of the explosion, General Newton and

HUSTINGS COURT, YESTERDAY, -James Hays, charged with seduction, was tried and acquitted. John W. Howard was tried and found

guilty of horse-stealing, and sent to the enitentiary for five yars. Lettie Johnson was found guilty of maicious assault, and fined \$10 and sent to

iail for six months. Alexander Matthews and Josephine Coles vere tried for a misdemeanor, found guilty,

John H. Martin, charged with stealing two pigeons, was tried and acquitted. The grand jury met and found true bills for felony in the following cases: Phil. Lambert for highway robbery-stealing a muskmelon valued at ten cents from George W. Barker; T. E. Higgins, same offence; James Robinson, burglary; Richard Harris, disturbance with the shape of the second offence of petit larceny; W. H. Bibb a remarkable degree, the only notable for assaulting George Washington. Misdemeanor: Reuben Wagner and Mollie White; Jane Hungerford, for keeping a house of ance as the depth of water increased over the reef. This would appear to point ill fame; Henry Christian, for carrying concealed weapons; and Charles Bluford and Martha Thomas.

> POLICE COURT, TUESDAY .- The following cases were disposed of in this court yesterday by Acting Police-Justice John J. Crutchtield:

> Walter Norvell, charged with stealing ,000 bricks from some person unknown, but supposed to be the property of the city of Richmond. Case continued until Octo-

> ber 3d. The case of Thomas Fitzpatrick, charged with receiving the bricks from Norvell knowing the same to have been stolen, was also continued to the same date.

James Cousins, charged with assaulting and beating Mietta Williams. They were important. No one will again fear any great shock from submarine explosions or dynaalso charged with a misdemeanor. The case mite. Too many thousands of persons have of assault was dismissed. The parties were lamb-like explosion of Hell-Gate in the

sent on to answer the latter charge. Sarah Wilson, charged with being drunk and disorderly in the street, was sent to jail for sixty days.

Julia Williams and Belle Robertson, common prostitutes, were sent to jail for three months in default of surety. Annie Seaton, Lizzie Gleason, Bettie Gar-

land, Bettie Oliver, and Anna Stone, charged with keeping a house of ill-fame, were discharged.

S. Barnett, charged with selling goods without license. Case continued until the 6th October. W. F. Rogers, charged with abusing A.

and instantaneously. I expected it would Berry. Case continued until to-day. John Thomas, charged with stealing a middling of bacon, valued at six dollars, from J. B. Bland, was sent to the chaingang for six months. Robert Schuman, charged with assaulting

and striking Thomas L. Mills, was fined five dollars and costs. Nellie Bullock, trespassing on the premises of and assaulting Fannie King, was fined five dollars and costs, and required to find surety in the sum of fifty dollars for

William Sheppard, charged with assaulting Randal Tunstal and creating a disturbance in the house of Randal, was required to pay the cost of the warrant. Susan Motley, charged with threatening

to beat Mary Mitchell, was discharged on payment of cost.

Mary Mitchell was charged with beating Susan Motley. Was made to pay the cost.

RAINFALL.—The amount of rainfall for the week ending September 16 was 1.47 inches; amount of rainfall for the week ending September 28, 2.68 inches.

Accorded the landing and advanced up to the scene of action, it became almost difficult to reconcile what we saw with what we knew.

MORTUARY.—The nois number of deaths in the city during the past week, including still-births, was thirty-three.

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MESSAGE PROPETHE MAYOR.

ALLUDED TO-A NEW PHIRD POLICE-STA-TION NEEDED-THE REGIMENTAL ARMO-BY DISCUSSED-BRIDGE OVER THE BASIN;

Mention was made in the Dispatch yes terday of the presentation of a message from the Mayor to the Board of Aldermen on Monday night, in which he called the attention of the City Council to sundry matters of interest to the city. The first subject alluded to by him was a dispute between committees, which was referred to the Committee on Streets. The Mayor said: "On the 9th of July, 1876, several of our citizens who were dependent on their daily labor for the support of their families were employed on some street or gas improvement on Tenth street, and have not yet been paid, although there is no dispute of the just claim against the city. The cause of delay seems to be a dispute between the Commit-

tee on Gas and the Committee on Streets as to which fund should pay the claim. This delay has imposed loss and hardship on some of these poor men, forcing some to sell their claims for much less than even the small wages promised them, and others to with her hair and tail in a highly electrical demy in 1842. From the year 1843 until small wages promised them, and others to disturbed condition, from which it might 1846 he was Assistant Professor of Engibe inferred that the tremor which had been neering at West Point. In 1852 he was had their time occupied for the city when so lightly felt at the firing point had given made a first lieutenant; in July, 1856, cap they might have received money for that

In referring to the Third police-station he late war, rising to the command of a its intended purpose. The house is in had Federal army corps. He was commander repair; its small space is divided between a of the district of Key West and Tortu- police force and a fire company, and that gas from October, 1864, to June, 1865. For joint occupancy prevents sufficient room for his services at Peach-Tree Creek and At- either force. It is unclean, unhealthy, and lanta he was breveted brigadier-general, and scarcely a decent place to enter. He urges at the close of the war was breveted major- that the building be put in a condition to

"An armory for the First Regiment Viryears General Newton has to the mind of ginia Volunteers," he says, "is a subject for the American public been identified with prompt action and of great importance; it has been asked for often, and has been held out that the request would be granted, but so far hopes and promises have been the only encouragement given to the organizalyn; General E. P. Scammon, of South tion. * * * Unless you are willing to

entirely lost, you should cease to give hopes and promises, and take definite and speedy Mr. W. E. Dodge, of New York, wrote to action. I believe the best and most availawitness the explosion, and rebuked what over the old part of the Second markethouse. Soon a large part of the expense "As you go out of the way to violate the spent in making this market-house safe or common courtesies of social intercourse, I tenantable. The erection of the market their duty might suggest as proper—and men at the ferry entrance, and they were find that in one instance he has made a mispay the bonds before they mature." This portion of the message was referred to the Committee on Grounds and Buildings.

In referring to a bridge over the Basin to

connect with the Free bridge he says:

street. As it stands, the expenditure on the James River free bridge is almost useless, for it is difficult of access and in routes except a few, and the past outlay will only be available when a real connection is made at the point named. * * The object of the Free bridge was to give means of intercourse, without charge, to the citizens of the two cities, not to others; and a provision was originally made to charge toll to others. I believe the charter of the James River and Kanawha Canal Company, and the conditions of its occupying city ground and crossing city streets, require that company to build this muchneeded bridge across the Basin at Ninth street. May it not be wise for the city to enforce the right in this matter? And if the canal company are unable to build the bridge, might it not be wise to lend them the money to do it?" This portion of the message was referred to the Committee on

He next touched upon the fact that the Police Board have the appointment of four officers-one as guard at the City Hall and three with the chain-gang-and that the ordinance does not give the police surgeon charge of them. This subject was committed to the Committee on Ordinances.

"There have been brought to the atten tion of myself," says the Mayor, "and the president of the Board of Health several matters of manufacturing enterprises, which are called nuisances by the neighbors." He referred at some length to the bone mill at Rocketts, and said : "Now, no power is given in such cases, and your City Engineer and myself found a case in which we deemed such power very essential to the

safety of some of our residents, who refused to vacate on advice, while we were powerless to enforce what our earnest judgment dictated." This part of the message was also referred to the Committee on Ordinances. The remainder was devoted to the cause of the Savannah sufferers.

the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, left the city yesterday for the Centennial. Hon. Henry G. Davis, senator from West Virginia, was in the city Monday on a visit o his brother, Mr. John B. Davis. Mr. W. H. Grant has returned from

visit to Baltimore and Philadelphia. Mr. C. W. Hunter, of the Chesapeake and Dhio freight department, has been transferred to Huntington, and his place in this city is to be filled by a nephew of General Wick

ham. Mr. A. B. Goodman yesterday handed Mayor Carrington fifty dollars in addition to his past liberal subscription for the Savannah sufferers.

SENT ON TO THE GRAND JURY UPON A SERI-OUS CHARGE.—Yesterday evening the case T. E. Taylor, charged with deceiving Miss Mary Jane Bardsdale under promise of marriage, was called before Acting Police-Justice W. Hall Crew. The accused was represented by Mr. John S. Wise, and the Commonwealth by Messrs. George D. Wise

and Samuel M. Page. The cause of Justice Crutchfield not presiding was that he was called upon as a witness for the Commonwealth. After examining several witnesses

case was submitted to the Justice, who held that it was a very strong case, and sent the accused on to the grand jury of the Hustings Court. Taylor was allowed bail in the sum of \$1,000.

TEMPERANCE OFFICERS.—The following are the officers-elect of Stonewall Council, No. 74, Friends of Temperance, for the term commencing October 1st: W. P. M. Kellam, president; E. W. Powell, associate president; Thomas A. Riddick, chaplain; C. E. Hasker, secretary; R. T. Howard, financial secretary; John F. Shinberger, treasurer; J. A. Hobson, conductor; J. E. Schwalmeyer, assistant conductor; S. V. Byerly, inside sentinel; R. S. Valentine, outside sentinel; A. S. Lloyd, ex-president.

HELP FOR THE SAVANNAE SUPPERERS. The Madison Ward Committee appointed to collect funds for the Savannah sufferers, composed of Messrs. A. Y. Stokes (chairman), N. W. Nelson, George Klein, Affred Moses, Clarence Danforth, and O. F. Weisi-ger, are to meet at 12 o'clock to-day at the Merchants and Mechanics Insurance Company's office.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS APPOINTED. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS APPOINTED.
The Board of Education has appointed Professor William E. Duncas, superintendent of schools for Franklin county vice W. A. Griffith, resigned. And the property of the proper

FIRE-ALARM TELEGRAPH.

VALUE OF THE LINE-VISIT AND INSPEC-TION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FIRE-ALARM AND POLICE-TELEGRAPH-A PLEASANT DUTY PERFORMED-HOW THE PARTY WAS ENTERTAINED, &c., &c.

Yesterday afternoon the Council Joint Committee on Fire-Alarm and Police-Tele graph, composed of Messrs. J. J. English chairman), W. H. Williams, H. G. Cannon, John Lauer, and Samuel H. Pulliam, for the first time since the system has been established in Richmond, visited and inspected every fire-alarm station in the city, and "turned in" all the boxes. The superintendent, Mr. R. M. J. Paynter, and Captain Ainslie, chief of the Fire Department, accompanied the party and gave some very valuable information to the committee as to the workings of the fire-and police-telegraph, and made known its present needs to keep the line in first-rate order. It may not be generally known that this is among the most valuable property that the city possesses—in fact, its real value can hardly be estimated. The whole line, including the thirty-five alarm-stations, battery, &c., is worth to-day in money \$15,834.02. The system is probably the most perfect in the United States, and since its establish-

ment in this city, in 1870, has rendered most

valuable service. All that is necessary to

give an alarm in case of fire is to procure a tey, which can always be found near the fire-box, unlock the iron door, opening to an inner apartment, where a brass hook protruding from an inner case is all that can be seen. Pull this hook down as far as it will go, and then remove the hand. The hook will spring back, and the alarm is given. The gongs in all the engine-houses and po-lice-stations in the city will record the number of the station instantly. As easy as it may be given an alarm sometimes proves a very serious matter. The workings of the box are very simple. When the brass hook is pulled down it raises a lever attached to clock-work. On the end of the lever is a weight to run the clock-work down. Attached to this machinery is a notched wheel, upon which the wire running from the top of the poles rests. As the wheel revolves it records the notches on the gongs in the city. For instance, if it is Box 25 there will be two notches cut close together, then space and five notches. This wheel will revolve five times, which records the number of the box five times in every policestation, engine-house, and street-box. When the wire passes over one of these breaks in the wheel it cuts it in two as effectually as if it was done in the street. Currents passing through the magnets to which the gongs are attached become discharged, allowing the armature, or hammer attached to the magnet to back; but as soon as it passes one of these breaks in the wheel then the wire becomes intact, and the current flows from one pole of the battery to the other through all ing the armature or hammer to the magnet. Of course as often as the wire passes over these breaks the armature strikes the gong. In case of Box 25 it strikes twice, then pauses a short time and strikes five times, making 25. A fire-alarm box may be said to represent a huge man with a voice that can penetrate through an entire city, saying to all the firemen, "Come to this point; a reat fire is apprehended." But it is needless to pursue the working of the system

further. The committee met at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, Captain Ainslie, at half-past 1 o'clock, and, having first turned in an alarm at that station, proceeded to the Second police station Box 3), where the city's battery is located. Here Mr. Paynter explained the workings of the police-telegraph instruments, examined the battery, and then the visitors rode off to the Third-Street engine-house (Station 5). They next visited Boxes 17, 35, 45, and so on through the city. At the almshouse they stopped a short time, and went through the building, which was found to be in its usual beautifully clean condition. Captain Bigger entertained his unexpected guests very pleasantly. In the course of conversation he stated that Mr. William Bennett, his valued clerk and excellent pensman, who had been an inmate of the institution for some time, died on Satur- John Lauer, Z. W. Pickrell.

Continuing the tour of inspection, the party visited Boxes 4, 52, and 15, and in- H. Finke, Clinton Depriest. deed every fire-station in the city. At Brook-Avenue, Main-Street, Church-Hill, and Broad-Street engine-houses the committee were entertained by the Chief Engineer, at whose request, upon the tap of the gong, the horses were hitched up and driven out with the fire apparatus in an incredible short space of time. Everything and solicit diligently, that relief may be sent trip was pronounced very satisfactory.

MOZART ASSOCIATION ITEMS .- The Board f Governors of this Association on Monlay evening elected twenty-eight new members. This with the number elected at the previous meeting—thirty-two—makes sixty

or the two meetings. It is probable that in a short time two French-horns and a kettle-drum will be added to the orchestra, which will add greatly to its effectiveness.

The clarionet of Professor Voelker was particularly noticeable at the last soirée. Professor Voelker was for eight years emloyed as musician in the Prussian army. This fact is a sufficient guarantee of his ex-

cellence as such. Miss Smidt, who made her debut at the last musicale, is from Augusta, Ga. Her

Reminiscences from Norma? was well rendered and cordially encored. The Messrs. Peters-father and two sons,

vhose performances have added so much to the attractions of the Association—came here from New York. The father owns a farm near the city, and will probably in a short time engage in a manufacturing business in the city. With Mr. Jacob Reinhart s pianist, Messrs. Kessnich and Peters for violaists, Messrs. Thillow, Peters, and Hoen for celloists, Mr. Krause on the basson, and Mr. Beier on the cornet, the Association will always have at command not only the materiel for a first-class orchestra, but solo artists who would be an acquisition to any

Of Mr. Leo. P. Wheat's reputation as musician, and especially as a planist and orranist, it is not necessary to say anything here. He will resume his connection with the Association upon his return to the city; while Messrs. Ambold, Seibert, Turner, and others have ever been ready to lend their valuable assistance as occasion re-

quired. The programme for to-morrow promise to be as attractive as usual, when no doubt the hall of the Mozarts will be filled with a brilliant and fashionable audience.

RABBI ELECTED-HEBREW DAY OF ATONI MENT .- Rev. M. J. Briell having been tried and found qualified was on Sunday elected rabbi of the Hebrew congregation-Kenne seth Israel-on Mayo street between Broad

This evening begins the Hebrew day of atonement. It is considered among the Israelites the holiest day of the whole year, and is set apart for fasting, devotion, and repentance, as it is written in the 3d Book of Moses the 28d chapter: "But on the tenth day of the seventh month is the day of atonement. It shall be to you a day of holy convocation, and ye shall tast. No day afternoon at 44 o'clock. it is the day of atonement—to make an atonement for you before the Lord your God. It shall be to you a complete day of rest, and you shall fast. On the evening of the winth you shall fast. The mills on the Water-Line.—The mills on the canal, which were forced to suspend on the canal, which were forced to suspend on the water-Line.—The mills on the canal, which were forced to suspend on the water-Line.—The mills on the water-Line.—The mills on the canal, which were forced to suspend work during the late high water, resumed operations with the water-Line.—The mills on the canal, which were forced to suspend work during the late high water, resumed operations with the water-Line. the ninth you shall begin. From evening of unto evening shall ye celebrate your Sabbath."

Chimney Corner, Ledger, Weslely, and Setunday Night for this week received from J. T. Ellyson, 1112 Main street. inversion of August Solation

BEAUTY AND THE BRAST.—The Virginia Opers-House last night was filled with a large and brilliant audience on the occasion of the entertainment given by a number of children for the benefit of the yellow-fever went with the sole intention of giving their mite to the charitable cause, while others attended both for charity and for enjoyment.

The Condition of Judge Clopion.—Judge mite to the charitable cause, while others attended both for charity and for enjoyment. tended both for charity and for enjoyment. But all were more than pleased. They were astonished at the excellence of the performance, and during the whole evening expressions of unbounded satisfaction and praise were uttered. The

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rendition of the various parts by the little rendition of the various parts by the little folks was truly wonderful, and fully deserved what they received, on the part of the appreciative audience, the highest meed the appreciative audience, the highest meed the machinery, and if the river is as low as it was yesterday, the works will be enabled to resume work to-day with their complement lows: Beauty, Miss Alma Hungerford; Beast, and Prince Carlos, Master Mountjoy Walker; Rudolph, Master Charlie Ellyson Elvira, Miss Alice Hamilton; Mundane Miss America Johnson; Damon, Isadore Becher; Queen of the Fairies, Miss A. Hamilton; Fairies, Misses Emilie Euker and Katie Hunt. The play was presented in almost perfect style, the scenery and costumes being exceedingly well gotten up and

each of the little ones reciting and acting their part beautifully. The extravaganza was followed by an olio of fancy dances, songs, &c., as follows: Character songs, Master Walker; medley dance, Miss Katie Hunt; Little Fraud (comic duet), Miss Alice Hamilton and Master Walker; pas de deux, Miss Alma Hungerford and Master Walker; double log-dance, Masters Walker and Becher. The youthful performers were frequently

and loudly applauded, a number receiving bouquets; and it must be very gratifying to them that their efforts in the cause of charity were so well appreciated. It is to be hoped the entertainment will be repeated soon, so that all may have an opportunity to MIDNIGHT ARRESTS .- The following par-

ties were registered at the First policestation last night at 12 o'clock: Mrs. Coffer (white), charged with assaulting and beating Thomas Wallace.

R. S. Nobles, drunk and using profane language in the street. Emil Salamonskey, threatening to assault and beat Charles Minsin.

Isaac Christian, fighting in the street. Milly Miller, cursing and using threat-ening language to Ellen Herley and family. any white lead that the property-owner may select. J. Olden, charged with desertion from a Norwegian bark.

FELL FROM A SCAFFOLD .- One of the workmen, named Beale, fell from the scaffold at Gray's new row of houses, on Marshall street near Tenth, yesterday morning and broke his collar-bone. The city ambulance took him home. AMBULANCE CALL. The city ambulance

was called from Wolff's yesterday, at 3:10 the magnets in the boxes and gongs, draw- P. M., to take a gentleman home who had a congestive chill. ON DUTY AGAIN.—New flues having been

put in Company B's steam fire-engine it will be put in service again to-day.

LOCK-JAW .- One of Adam's fine horses

MAYOR'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, VA September 26, 1876. In accordance with a resolution of authority from a citizens' meeting held September 25th, I appoint the following as canvassers for funds to aid the Savannah suf-

Marshall Ward .- William H. Williams, Henry Metzger, John A. Curtis, O. P. Gregory, G. Watt Taylor, and George A.

Ainslie. Jefferson Ward .- William H. Scott, M. Rosenbaum, Solomon Wise, J. C. Smith Samuel Maccubbin, and Henry Westerhoff. Madison Ward .- A. Y. Stokes, N. W. lelson, George Klein, Alfred Moses, Claence Danforth, and O. F. Weisiger. Monroe Ward .- J. J. Crutchfield, Moses

Hutzler, Otto Morgenstern, B. C. Wherry, Jr., George Bargamin, and George A Hundley. Clay Ward .- R. B. Berkeley, General B.

T. Johnson, B. A. Jacob, W. A. S. Conrad, Jackson Ward .- B. F. Howard, Charles Clinely, R. B. Ward, George W. Epps, F

At Large.-Tellers of all the banks in the city, General Joseph R. Anderson, A. B. Goodman, Julius Straus, W. C. Carrington, S. R. Campbell, Captain Richard M. Taylor, B. T. August, C. H. Wendlinger.

Each member of the canvassing committee is earnestly requested to act promptly was found to be in apple-pie order, and the as speedily as the intense suffering demands. All collections will be turned over daily

to W. R. Quarles, cashier of the Planters National Bank, who is appointed treasurer of the relief fund. W. C. CARRINGTON, Mayor.

MANCHESTER NEWS.

Mayor's Office, Manchester, September 25. 1876.—The suffering condition of our sister southern city, Savannah, earnestly appeals to every true man and woman in our city for aid. Shall it be said that the citizens of Manchester will be deaf to her appeals? Let every one, however poor, make a contribution for the relief of her suffering, and thus palliate if not relieve her lamentable condition. Manchester has been for many years greatly blessed. Now is the time to express our gratitude by a prompt and liberal response to the appeal of our

less fortunate fellow-beings. Citizens are earnestly requested to leave their contributions at once with Messrs. E. W. Weisiger, H. G. Archer, Dr. A. Monteiro, S. W. Blankenship, and William J. Jones, or any member of the police force in this office, and they will be promptly for-warded. L. R. Chiles, Mayor. warded.

Telegraph Connection.—A propsition was submitted to the Council Committee on Fire some weeks ago to construct a firealarm telegraph line between this city and the police headquarters in Richmond. This plan was highly approved of at the time it was first agitated by a large number of the Council, but of late the matter seems to have dropped. Is the scheme less practical now than it was a few weeks ago?

Republican Rally.-There will be a meetng of the Republicans of this county held at Granite to-morrow evening. All of the rominent members of the party from this city are expected to be present, as well as some from Washington and other places. The employes of the stone-yard are pretty much of our way of thinking, and of cours this orating is not gotten up for their benefit.

Hustings Court .- The argument of coun sel in the case of J. H. Browder, charged with a felony, will be heard in the Hustings Court this morning, on a motion to set saide the verdict of the jury.

Judge Clopton will then also announce his opinion in the case of the Richmond and

Danville Railroad Company, charged with obstructing the streets. This case came up on an appeal from the Mayor's Court.

Religious.-Religious exercises will be held at the Meade Memorial church on Fri-

The Mills on the Water-Line. - The mil

The Choral Concert.-The entertainme of the Washington Choral Quartette (colored) will take place at the colored Baptist church this evening.

Winter Pestivilles.—A number of balls B DISPARUS PRINTING-BOUSE Constitute with such that

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and other sociable festivities are for the approaching season, and people of our community antic

day. Mr. Atkinson, the State attorney, is doing quite well, and will be able to be at

The Old Dominion Nail-Works .- These

No Work.-Mr. Ingram, the city core ner, complains that he has not been c upon in his official capacity during the centennial year.

Personal.-Mayor Chiles is on a huntin expedition in the upper part of the county.

Political Meeting.—The political rally and barbecue at the old Courthouse to-morrew will be attended by large numbers of persons from this city and Richmond. Prepara tions have been made for the entertainment of almost any number of visitors, all of whom will be made welcome, and can be assured that they will have a good time.

The Public Schools .- The public schools of this city will reopen on Monday next.

County Court.-This court will open its monthly term on the 9th of October

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